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Hongkong, December 5, 1904. 1815

Intimations.

NOTICE.
A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.
AERATED WATER MANUFACTORY
will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, 4th
February, and OPEN on MONDAY, 6th
February, 1 A.M. to 1 P.M.
The following hours of Business will be
observed in ALL OTHER DEPART-
MENTS :—
SATURDAY, 4th February, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.
MONDAY, 6th February, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.
A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.,
Established 1841.
Hongkong, February 2, 1905. 235

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.
In accordance with Government Notice,
Nos. 42 and 43, the EXCHANGE
CANCELLERY will be OPENED for the Trans-
action of Business on SATURDAY,
4th February, and MONDAY, 6th February,
1905.

Hongkong, January 31, 1905. 268

NOTICE.

DURING the Temporary Absence of
M. W. MALCOLM WATSON, Mr.
THOMAS ERNEST PEARCE will be in
charge of our Business.

JOHN D. HUTCHISON & CO.,
Hongkong, January 28, 1905. 188

WANTED.

A First-Class CHINESE TEACHER
for a Day School. Must have a
thorough knowledge of English. Write,
stating Qualifications, Testimonials, and
Salary required, to

C. C. R.,
Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office,
Hongkong, January 28, 1905. 191

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the
late JAMES PARK WINGATE (Deceased) in our Firm ceased on 31st
December, 1904.

TAIT & CO.

Amoy, January 1, 1905. 51

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on
and after this date Interest at the
rate of 8% per annum will be charged upon
all Calls in respect of Shares not fully Paid
Up from the day appointed for Payment of
such Calls, namely 3rd January, 1905.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 11, 1905. 219

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & CHINA GAS
Co., Ltd., beg to notify the
Public that the PRICE of GAS will
be REDUCED from \$8.50 to \$3.00
per 1,000 cubic feet as from the 1st
February, 1905.

GEORGE CURRY,
Local Secretary.

Hongkong, February 1, 1905. 110

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Hongkong, October 3, 1904. 1262

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Spanish Commercial Practice, Export and Import, by Hooper & Graham	1.90
The Physical Educator, by E. Miles	7.00
Quickness and How to Increase it, by E. Miles	.80
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S. MINAMI, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, May 31, 1904.

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GRIM TRAGEDY IN COLORADO.

Colorado Springs, Dec. 18.—The nude body of a white woman, who it is believed to have been murdered, has been found on Mount Cutler by two residents of this city who were surveying. The body was lying face downwards across a log. An attempt to destroy the features and prevent identification by burning had been made. Near the body was found a few hairpins and an empty bottle that had contained gasoline, but every stitch of clothing had been removed. From the appearance of the body death occurred about a week or ten days ago.

Later information shows that the body is that of a girl about 18 years of age, 5 feet in height, and weighing about 125 pounds. It bears every indication of refinement. The fingers have signs of rings having been worn, but no trace of jewelry could be found upon the girl.

The head, shoulders, and portions of the breast were badly burned, but the hair had burned so slightly that it was only partially destroyed. That which is left is of a light-brown colour and would indicate that the deceased was a blonde. The left upper-cuspid tooth, being the third from the centre, wears a gold crown. There is every indication that the young woman died of poison.

The most favoured by the officers is that the girl was a visitor, probably from the East, and, having been led astray by some man, was induced to accompany him for an outing and that he killed her by means of a poison-lunch.

Telegrams were sent out to-night to the offices of police at Philadelphia, St. Louis, and other cities giving a complete description, as far as possible, of the dead girl. They were sent upon the theory that the girl was killed by some person who found that she stood in the way of valuable property or an inheritance. Near the point where the body was found the officers discovered a card bearing the name and address of a St. Louis man and a prescription blank bearing the name of Dr. F. Kline, Baker 2010 Diamond Street, Philadelphia, and the name Comp., druggist, Third and Diamond Streets, Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, December 18.

Dr. E. F. Kline said to-night that he knew nothing of the Colorado murder case. He explained the presence of his prescription blanks on Mount Cutler by saying that he spent several days at Colorado Springs last summer and that he carried with him a part of his prescription blanks for the purpose of making memoranda. He says he may have dropped some of them, and that they may have been blown about by the wind. He remembers having given one to a photographer who took his photograph.

The earrings worn by Italian women indicate the part of Italy the wearers come from; the larger the earrings the farther south the original homes of the women.

ASLEEP IN THEIR SADDLES.

In hand-to-hand conflict men shouted, struggled, wrestled, thrust, advanced, and withdrew. By dash the canon and muskets were almost useless, and, in darkness came down, the curvilinear sleep where they stood, riders in their saddle, horses in their tracks."

It was an infernal battle. Grime and shrapnel flew like hell that October day. History says the field was a scene of human矢雨 (arrow雨), and on ground sown with blood, and in an atmosphere charged with the fumes of hell, men slept soundly. "Thereason is plain, do you say? Possibly, but hold the question until you read the letters which follow. Then tell the stories of actual experience, not on the field of war, but of the actual battle of life, a struggle that with most people lasts, in one form or another, as long as they live. With some the greatest struggle they have to make is for a livelihood; with others it is for the recovery or the preservation of health.

Mrs. Susan Helders was born in England some seventy years ago, and came out to this colony 72 years ago. She kept a grocery shop at Van de Lour and Longmire Streets, Capetown, for 38 years, and is well known to many merchants and residents in Capetown. In a letter dated August 10th, 1904, she says:—"I am seventy-one years old, and am positive I owe the prolongation of my life to the excellent remedy, Mother Seigel's Syrup. They say I fall into a heavy weak state of health. Lost my appetite and, what was worse, I could not sleep at nights, and I became nervous and startled at the least noise or sound. I was also troubled with biliousness, and my stomach could not retain anything I ate. My bowels acted irregularly and caused splitting headaches. Doctors did not appear to understand my case, and instead of becoming any better I was worse. Children used to laugh at me, saying with a friend one day that the good qualities of medicines, when I was told that Mother Seigel's Cariative Syrup would cure me if I would give it a trial. I began to use it, and from that day I commenced to mend. All the very distressing symptoms have left me, and I have been able to attend to business over and over again, which was seven years ago. Children used to be afraid of me, but now they are not. Mother Seigel's Syrup is a Godsend, and I recommend it to every member of my family."

Mr. L. de Clerk is a foreman under in one of the largest wholesale houses in Port Elizabeth. He was born in South Africa, and came to Port Elizabeth from Aberdeen, Scotland, fifteen years ago. He lives in Spring Street, Writing on July 27th to the proprietor of Mother Seigel's Syrup, he says:—"Mother Seigel's Syrup has proved an inestimable value to me. For many years I fell ill every year in the month of March through indigestion. For months at a time I was a misery to me; I could neither eat nor sleep, and was unable to work for days together. Whenever I ate any solid food I suffered terrible pains in my stomach, followed by sickness. I tried a great many medicines, but failed to get any relief, until three years ago I was induced to give Mother Seigel's Syrup a trial. After taking it for a few days I began to improve, and by the time I had taken four bottles it had thoroughly cured me. I can now eat heartily and do a good day's work. I am glad to testify to the merits of Mother Seigel's Syrup, and you may use the statement in any way you wish."

The battle story, the facts of Mrs. Helders' and Mr. de Clerk's suffering, and the manner of those who are all objects of solicitude, are themselves, were tried and healthy, and they slept in spite of their exhaustion. But these quiet people living at home could not sleep because their exhaustion was not natural; it was due to the disorder caused by their ailments. The same remedy that cured them has cured hundreds of thousands; it stands unrivaled and is within reach of all.

Intimations.

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SMOKE PURE
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ON EVERY BOX
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QUEENS

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB

COMPETITIONS FOR SPOONS will take place on the Kowloon Bowling Greens on SATURDAY, 4th inst. Players are requested to be on the Green at 2.30 p.m.

B. GOW,
Hon. Secretary,

Hongkong, February 1, 1905. 212

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux Road, on FRIDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1905, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 1st to 11th February, 1905, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 26, 1905. 474

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the General Managers, Pedder Street, at 12.0 P.M., on MONDAY, 13th February, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1904, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 13th February, both days inclusive.

JARDIN MATHERSON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 28, 1905. 194

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Queen's Road Central, TUESDAY, the 16th February, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of a Director, and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 31st January to the 14th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 23, 1905. 151

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the eighteenth day of FEBRUARY, 1905, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1904.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
(Sd.) J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 31, 1905. 207

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the fourth to the eighteenth day of February, 1905, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
(Sd.) J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 31, 1905. 208

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MITSUBISHI GOSHI-KWAISHA
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COAL DEPARTMENT.

MARUNO-UCHI TOKIO.

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New and additional shafts at the Takashima Colliery have been completed and this well-known best and most economical steam Coal in the East is now produced in abundance and can be supplied in any quantity.

Hongkong, April 25, 1904. 777

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 26th February, 1905, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. J. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 25, 1905. 179

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE

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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARKS.

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Hongkong, July 25, 1903. 1519

KOWLOON PIGEON SHOW.

THE Kowloon Pigeon Club proposes to hold a SHOW of PIGEONS on the 6th and 7th of February, 1905, at the KOWLOON HOTEL. Forms of Entries will be sold at the Hotel. As regards Non-Member Forms can be had on application to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. DAVID, at the Kowloon Hotel.

Entrance Fee, FIFTEEN CENTS PER PERSON.

Prizes will be awarded to winners as soon as the Judge's decision is given; but Birds will not be removed from the Show until the evening of the 7th February, when the Show closes.

Admission to the Show is FREE. The Public are cordially invited. Our former shows were very popular and were visited by Sir Henry and Lady Blake who expressed themselves highly pleased with the exhibition.

The classification of exhibits is as follows:

I.—Pouter, Cock or Hen, any colour.

II.—Pairs.

III.—Jacobins, Cock or Hen, any colour.

IV.—Pairs.

V.—Owls, Cock or Hen, any colour.

VI.—Pairs.

VII.—Homers, Cock or Hen, any colour.

VIII.—Pairs.

IX.—Any Other Variety, pairs, Cock or Hen.

X.—Common Pigeon, any colour, pairs.

Cock or Hen.

XI.—Any kind of Cage Birds.

J. D. LOGAN,
Director;

R. DAVID,
Hon. Secretary.

Kowloon Hotel, January 25, 1905. 171

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Hongkong, December 14, 1904. 2249

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(In English and Chinese.)

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Ladies and Gentlemen, can be had at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

Office Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 14, 1904. 2249

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this date to 18th February inclusive.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, February 5.—
Goods per *Meng-fu* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.MONDAY, February 6.—
9.30 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.
Transfer Books of Hongkong & Whampoa
Bank Co., Ltd., closed from this
date to 20th February inclusive.TUESDAY, February 7.—
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the
Public Works Department's Office.5 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Benevolent
Society in City Hall.5.15 p.m.—Organ Recital in St John's
Cathedral.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

WEDNESDAY, February 8.—
Goods per *Meng-fu*, undelivered after
this date subject to rent.FRIDAY, February 10.—
Noon—Meeting of Humphreys' Estate &
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PECULIARITIES OF CHINESE
NEW YEAR.

REMARKABLE, indeed, is the phenomenon which confronts the foreigner who resides in China at the festival of Chinese New Year. There is absolute cessation from work of all kinds throughout the eighteen provinces and by the enormous multitude of four hundred millions of people. The Chinese have other festivals and they keep other holidays.

They make family epochs, such as marriages and funerals, occasions of rejoicing and mourning respectively, to an extent unknown to us, when those who are concerned, give themselves up to feasting and recreation. But business goes on unceasingly. In a city like Canton, unless the populace is fighting the officials—whereupon, if the deadlock becomes serious the business people will close their shops as a protest and as an evidence of their anger, every day of the year, from the seventh of the first, to the thirtieth of the thirteenth month, if there be an intercalary moon—business is carried on, without interruption. New Year's tide is, therefore, quite different from all other festivals. It is not kept in this way

because the Chinese seek rest and recreation, as in western lands most seek and secure a fortnight away from business during the summer. It has been said that how cannot possibly stand always bent nor can human nature or human frailty submit without some lawful recreation?

It does not appear that this conscious need of recreation has had any influence in establishing the usage. The Chinese seek their recreation at other times and in other ways. Indeed, the phenomenon is somewhat difficult to explain. The New Year marks time in the commercial world in a most emphatic and relentless manner. The colossal mechanism of Chinese business is then thoroughly examined just as our river steamers are overhauled once a year in dock.

It would not be too much to say that ere the last day of the old year has run out its wands everybody in China knows exactly what he is worth. We, who live in China, know that however good our credit may be it will not protect us from the persistent demands of the Chinese to 'pay up,' because, whether the Chinese need the money or not they like to have and hold it at this time.

On the mainland not infrequently a firm without sufficient capital, will pay its debts by burning down the shop. When the books are destroyed it is assumed that the past is obliterated, for with the expensive and lumbering machinery of Chinese law, it costs little to follow up a Chinese bankrupt, who, when he is caught, has nothing to pay.

There will be many bitter thoughts at the close of this year, on account of wild speculations and unwise ventures, if rumour is approximately right, for the fortunes of war have hit others besides the Russians very hard.

Much worship is offered at Chinese New Year. The word 'worship' is more elastic in its meaning in Chinese than it is with us. It may legitimately be used to describe the reverence shown to men; it describes the adoration of the gods. It is proverbially difficult for the Westerner to see with the eyes of a Chinese and to think with his mind, and therefore practically impossible for the former to be sure that he understands the latter. Some describe the great function performed at the Emperor's temple at Chinese New Year as merely respect offered to his majesty. Others regard it as idolatrous worship. It is, however, a great occasion for 'worship,' and those who have carefully observed it under favourable conditions are not likely to forget it.

If the weather is unpropitious the functions may be as disappointing as was a

Christian service to a sermon-lover when, five foreigners being present, the curate observed, after the reading of sundry prayers, to-day we will dispense with the sermon but take up the collection.' If, however, the night is fine and the mandarins turn out in the rich robes and decorations, and really perform their duty in a decorous manner, the concomitant circumstances lend themselves to a striking pageant.

The great court in front of the temple has days before, been weeded, swept, and garnished. Huge braziers of resinous

blazing dry pinewood stand outside the temple doors, and throw a weird light over both the surroundings and the worshippers.

The piercing wailing voice of the master of the ceremonies, echoes far and wide. Then, just as the pearly

light is beginning to diffuse the eastern sky, at a given signal, the two bands of mandarins, the civil on the one side and the military on the other, fall down and worship, and beat their foreheads on the cold flag stones three times in succession.

Hushed are the lookers, and solemn are the worshippers. At this season, too, in every household immediately after midnight, the oldest representative of each family will prostrate himself before the family tablet, or shrine, of his immediate ancestors, and, surrounded by flaming paper and burning candles, will, on his own and relatives' behalf, worship the long lines of departed names. Further, on New Year's day, great crowds visit the usually deserted temples. The temple of the tutelary god of Canton City is usually thronged at this time. Moreover, it appears that well-to-do women claim the privilege of visiting this temple on this auspicious occasion, without hindrance or molestation. Usually a well-dressed lady is a *zora avia*, a native temple.

At this season, however, the temple of the city god is thronged with them, and their chaperons. Indeed the ever shifting scenes must be very attractive to the crowds who are present. The excited

or reverent faces, the rich silks and satins, the blazing paper and flaming

candles, the burning incense, the constant throb of the huge drum, which is supposed to attract the attention of the busy god, and other less prominent and conspicuous accessories of worship, make the scene, both to foreigners and natives alike, one that is not easily forgotten.

New Year's tide affords the Chinese an opportunity of gratifying their love of colour. A conspicuous evidence of this taste is forthcoming in the way they attire themselves, deck their idol altars and decorate their houses. The slip-shod cook, whose habits of stolid indifference to appearances, during the three hundred and sixty-four days of the year are the despair of the fastidious housewife, appears with his

New Year's congratulations, and the hope of a substantial cushion, in all the colours of the rainbow. Everything from the sole of his shoe to the button on his hat, appears as if it had

been specially bought in order to appear in becoming dress to receive the New Year's gift. The decorations within the houses and the shops are often attractive. Natural and artificial flowers lend their aid to produce a most pleasing effect. The peony, the lily, the fairy flower, peach blossoms, Buddha's fingers, a striking yellow melon, gorgeous mandarin oranges, are artistically blended to produce a charming effect. In addition to these, huge groups of artificial flowers are placed in conspicuous places, and festooned with scarlet drapery, so that the inside of a shop or dwelling, which at other times, present nothing but dirt and squalor, is now transformed into quite a new world.

Outside, in the street too, the blinding of colours, on a magnificent scale, is very effective.

Mottoes, distiches, and epigrams, written on red paper, are pasted up over, and on each side of, every door. This

bright blaze of scarlet is varied, at times, by the use of yellow, and, if a family is

in deep mourning, by a striking blue.

Many of these epigrams and distiches, are taken from the sacred books of the Chinese, and all are endeared to the people by old associations.

The business man will select one that harmonizes with his sympathies; the scholar will select another which appeals to his ideals.

Over every door, it stands written

'May the five blessings—old age, wealth, health, love of virtue, and natural death—enter this door.'

Generally speaking, in a big city like Canton, it would be difficult to find so

much striking colour within such an area, in any other part of the world outside of China, or so many people clad in such gorgeous garments.

Noise, too, on a gigantic scale, is

characteristic of the rejoicings which usher in Chinese New Year. In Hongkong, as we know, this noise is confined to certain locations, and restricted to certain hours. In all great cities, however, the noise is deafening.

Tons of crackers are let off, which detonate, with sharp piercing bursts.

In addition to these, guns and cannons add to the excruciating din. It must

not be forgotten, however, that the Chinese like a noise. This is evident

from their instruments of music. But

there is another reason for this tremendous confusion. The fear of demons, to the ordinary Chinese, is a real terror.

When the necromancer is called in the usual way to exorcise

demons, he comes with the bang of the gong, clash of cymbals, and the burst

of fire crackers. Without these accessories his ministrations would be quite ineffective.

He might as well remain at home.

So, at Chinese New Year, the

deafening noise continues.

Band Performance.

The following is the programme of

music which will be performed by the Band

of the Second Royal West Kent Regiment

on the Parade Ground, on Monday next,

from 4.30 to 6 p.m.—

Grand March.

from "Tannhauser" ... Wagner

Overture to "Zampa" ... Verdi

